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Application of:

MARC ALIZON et al.

Serial No.: 08/177,920

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For: DIAGNOSTIC KITS AND METHODS  
FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE  
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY  
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) (as  
amended)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please  
amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

19. (Amended) An *in vitro* diagnostic method for the  
detection of the presence or absence of antibodies which bind to  
antigens of a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1)  
comprising:

(a) contacting a biological sample with one or more  
peptides selected from the group consisting of: